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TO: The Secretary

THROUGH: P - Mr. Tarnoff

FROM: EAP - Winston Lord

SUBJECT: Your Participation in President Clinton's Meeting
with Chinese President Jiang Zemin at the APEC
Leaders Conference in Seattle
Friday, November 19, 1:40-2:40 p.m.,
The Rainier Club, Seattle

BACKGROUND

President Clinton's meeting in Seattle with President Jiang Zemin climaxes a period of intensive high-level dialogue following the President's approval in September of a comprehensive engagement strategy and featuring your own meeting with Foreign Minister Qian on September 30. This meeting is the first between American and Chinese Presidents since President Bush met his counterpart, then President Yang Shangkun, in February 1989 -- before the June 1989 suppression of the Chinese democracy movement in Tiananmen Square. (8)

While President Jiang will come prepared to defend Chinese positions on human rights, nonproliferation, and trade, we believe that he will accentuate the positive and may bring with him additional gestures on our core concerns. Our goal is to rehearse the conceptual underpinnings of the engagement strategy and thereby underscore President Clinton's commitment to improving the U.S.-China relationship. But at the same time, we should again underscore the urgent necessity of progress on human rights and the other two areas as a prerequisite for the fundamental improvement both sides wish.

TALKING POINTS

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Attachments:

Tab 1 - Scope Paper for the President
Tab 2 - Biography of President Jiang

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